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3A, MONACO. Kelly informs OPDX that John, 3A2LU, will be stateside for three months. His activity will be missed on the 21335 DX net. Meanwhile, the following stations were heard this week: 3A2LF on 21031/1315z, 3A/F9UW on 14236/0327z (net) and 3A/ON1AIG on OSCAR 13 on April 4th at 1143z.

3V, TUNISIA. Peter, DJ8LN, showed up this weekend signing 3V/DJ8LN. He was heard on 28457 kHz around 1347z. Peter stated QSL to CBA (Call Book Address). WFWL!!

9G, GHANA. A rumor is circulating about an operation from Ghana by a PA3 within the next two weeks. Jim, VK9NS, says that this operation will be CW only. No further details are available.

IY0GA, NEW MARCONI STATION. On April 24, 25 and 26, a new Marconi station will be signing IY0GA from Cape Figari - Golfo Aranci (SS) Sardinia Island, Italy. The station will be active on HF-VHF-UHF and all modes. The Cornish Radio Amateur Club, Cornwall U.K. has included IY0GA among the 19 other Marconi stations in the world that will be active during International Marconi Day, April 25th. It was on August 11, 1932 that Guglielmo Marconi carried out a microwave test connecting the lighthouse of Cape Figari (MT. 340) with Rocca di Papa (Rome). QSL via IS0JMA.

PA3CXC/ST0 UPDATE. John, PA3CXC, has returned home March 21st after making 12700 QSO's mainly on the low bands and including the WARC bands. He states his activity was limited due to lack of available power and spare time to operate. QSL cards will be supplied by EUDXF and should be ready sometime in April. John also mentioned he had to cancel his 5X operation due to lack of available power sources/generator and insufficient logistics.

PY0T, TRINDADE ISLAND. Scotty, WK3N, asked Fred, PY0FZ (PY7ZZ), to confirm the status of the CW station signing PY0TY and giving the name Celso and QTH as Trindade Island. Fred assured Scotty that Celso was in Trindade and is a novice operator with only CW privileges on 10, 15 and 20 meters. He has phone privileges on 40 and 80 meters. Celso is a member of the Brazilian Navy but his tour of duty time is unknown at this time. He requests you QSL via the bureau.

S2, BANGLADESH. S2/HA5BUS is now active. The operation seems to have started April 1st with the first OPDX Cluster Network spot on 21025

kHz 1840z. They are signing S2/ instead of "HA5BUS in Bangladesh" as reported in an earlier OPDX Bulletin, so their status must have changed since the last report. Saturday morning (Apr. 4th), S2/HA5BUS was active on 14273 kHz from 1130 to 1350z and 14025 kHz from 1355 to around 1600z. There are some conflicting reports that the last day of operation is to be April 15th or 20th. QSLs go to Globex Foundation, Box 49, 1311 Budapest, Hungary.

S9, SAO TOME. This will be the last week to work Eric, SM0AGD, who is signing S9AGD. There is much activity by Eric on the WARC bands (24945, 18075 and 10102), but his activity will end April 8th. QSL via SM0AGD. Also, remember there will be another group of operators to activate S92AA on all modes and bands April 14th thru the 24th.

S92LB QSL TIP. Jeff, WB3LHD, would like to pass along this tip for those who need or are having a hard time receiving S92LB cards. Jeff and two other W3's sent their cards in an envelope with a SASE, using 2 SAO Tome airmail stamps. The envelope was sent REGISTERED MAIL WITH RECEIPT REQUESTED. The total (all four contributed equally) was a little over 6 green stamps, which included 3 green stamps for Luiz, S92LB. In about a month, Jeff received the signed receipt and 8 days later, the cards arrived plus one extra for a person in Connecticut, which Jeff forwarded. Because of the poor postal system in Africa, Jeff feels it is better to have 4 or 5 people get together (to help split the cost) and send the cards in one SASE via Registered Mail with Receipt Requested.

V73, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Scott, KB6CC, has received another assignment for disaster work with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). He was to depart April 3 for the Marshall Islands (Majuro, IOTA OC-29). Once on the island, Scott will try to find out what sort of HF equipment is available, so begin listening for KB6CC/V73. He plans to get a V73 call. Twenty meters is his favorite bands.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA. The VP8SSI group left Thule Island April 3 around 2000z and all operators are safely aboard the Abel-J. It was reported earlier in the week that they would not be bring back much equipment, because of the weather. A lot was lost during the operation. By the time you read this, the VP8SSI group may be active from South Georgia for one to two days. They should reach the island April 6th around 0000z. This all depends on the weather and other factors. This island is much more hospitable. Word has it that they will be active mainly on CW with some SSB. They will also be active on the WARC bands.

VU7, LACCADIVES. The VU7 operation planned by W2XP and VU2LZ has now been called off for the moment. The application for permission is still pending, and they are hoping now for another shot in September.

ROMEO, UB5JRR. It was reported that K2EWB told GW3CDP Sunday morning that Romeo will be visiting stateside and will be at the Dayton's Hamvention. He will have with him the logs for the following operations: 1S0RR, 3W3RR, XY0RR and YA0RR. It was also mentioned that if you cannot make it to Dayton, cards can be sent to W8BLA under the following instructions:

1 - Cards for each operation must be sent individually with a SASE.

- 2 - On the front of the envelopes, in the lower left-hand corner, put the callsign for the operation.

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